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## Maine Farmer.

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### Citizens' Notices.

Mr. J. P. CLARK will call upon our subscribers in North Penobscot and Aroostook, during the month of November.

M. C. A. ALEX. AGREST FOR THE FARMER, will call upon our subscribers in Franklin county during November.

W. H. TAHER, AGENT OF THE FARMER, will call upon our subscribers in Washington county during November.

Notice to Delinquent Subscribers.

We are now making up the accounts of subscribers to the MAINE FARMER, WHO ARE INDEBTED FOR THE PAPER FROM THE YEAR 1850 TO THE PRESENT TIME, to be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Opportunity will be given to all who are thus in arrears to make payment to our agents or to this office, at our advertised rates, or on before January 1, 1851. If delayed beyond that date the accounts will be left for collection.

### Fleeces and Fleeced.

Talleyrand, the great French wit and statesman, declared that society was divided into two classes; the fleecers and the fleeced. True it is that these two classes exist in society. Just now many of the public prints are trying hard to convince their readers that our countrymen, to a large extent, are fleecing the fleeced. This sudden outburst against the "wall simplicity" of women, is caused by the recent financial transaction in Boston, under the name of "Ladies' Deposit Company." It is true that under the more prominent of an unwise woman that she would pay to depositors eight per cent, per month for the use of money, paying quarterly in advance, but expressly stipulating that this exorbitant rate of interest would only be paid to single women or widows, a large number of whom have been found in New England, notwithstanding a thousand warnings were sounded, who rushed to secure a tempting offer and lost their all.

It is said that over one million of dollars was deposited with this swindling concern, a large portion of which was lost. It was a most stupid swindle; nobody knew anything about Mrs. Howe, who was the head of the concern; the institution she was running had no legal existence; the inducements she held out to depositors were preposterous; it was absolutely impossible for her to pay eight per cent, per month in advance, which was equivalent to one hundred and twenty-six per cent, per annum, as it was for her to navigate the air, yet she found plenty of customers and they were all women. Now it is lamentable that this swindle could have been so successfully perpetrated here in New England.

We are aware that Savings Banks sometimes, through the want of business capacity of the managers, or the dishonesty of its officers, fail, and the depositors lose all. This does not justify a woman in placing her savings where they must inevitably be lost. Men in reviewing this recent startling swindle should not forget, because this swindle was conducted by a woman fleecer who had only women to fleece, that they have not always escaped from being classified with the fleecers and the fleeced. We are inclined to think that one great reason why so much attention is given to this case is because it is the exception where we find women fleecers and fleeced.

We can hardly sympathize with these women who have lost their money, for they were, unconsciously to themselves undoubtedly, aiding and abetting a most transparent fraud. Had they used their ordinary female instinct they would have known that the fleecer at the head of this swindle was simply paying out to them their own and each other's money as long as the same would hold out, or receive reinforcements from others who were deceived into depositing. The men have nothing to brag about. Look at their transactions. For one moment contemplate the numerous lottery swindles which always thrive and see the number of men ranked with the fleecers and the fleeced. In all our cities the numerous fair banks and gaming tables will always find a new crop of idiotic men, ready and eager to sacrifice the wealth of those who have been fleeced, madly rushing forward to increase the number.

The numerous mining swindles, whose companies are formed out of nothing, the only capital being the paper used in making the certificates of stock; the frequent swindles committed upon our farmers, through the thousand devices of a cunning and unscrupulous fleecers, force our belief that Talleyrand was right when he divided society into two classes. Sometimes it seems as if mankind were determined to remain fleeced, for they so never recover from the loss of one swindle before they are ready to be again fleeced by some new and more crafty fleecer. Men when they are fleeced never seem to be remedied and held up to ridicule and contempt. They ought to know better; but they are the tools of society, worldly wise; they receive a sparse education and are instructed in the ways of the world.

Now for the women who have been robbed of their funds by this skilful feminine art, we should have some charity and remember that they are not as censurable as men. There is a lesson to be learnt from this transaction, and although it does not always save men, it would be of great benefit to women. The lesson is this: every woman should know something of business. Until recently it was rarely that a woman qualified herself to render service as an assistant, clerk, or the manager of some branch of light trade. This has been an idea too prevalent that all knowledge of business was unsuited to the feminine mind, and that to become familiar with the business affairs of life unsexed women. This silly notion no longer exists in the minds of sensible men and women.

A knowledge of business should be made a necessity of every woman's education. Woman's capacity to understand and comprehend the laws governing business transactions is fully equal to man. She should have the opportunity to acquire this knowledge for it is necessary in conducting even the small "shopping" affairs of life. Of course we are aware that men will continue to take the lead in business transactions of life. It is well and wise that they should, but women should have a knowledge of these transactions. All women have necessarily more or less participation in business and they should be taught to rely upon themselves, and reliance can only come from knowledge.

Under the law, now, of nearly every State, women holds in her own right property, and she must in order to hold it wisely and manage it prudently, have some elementary education. Knowledge, even if it be not business, adds to woman's charms and widens her sphere of usefulness. This is a practical age and it is necessary that girls, as it is imperative that boys, should have a business educa-

tion. There is nothing so subtle, or so deep in the knowledge of business that only the great mind of man can master or comprehend it. It will cost nothing to give all girls a reasonable and proper amount of business education. Without it they should be expected to fall into material blunders; with it they will reduce the number in society of the fleecers and the fleeced. An education which does not teach early and sufficiently the lessons which will render the taught equal to the situation they may reach, voluntary or otherwise, is thoroughly and radically defective.

City News.

The schools of the Village School District close this week for a weeks vacation—Clappers are now the rage. Every boy has a pair and the air resounds with bone music.—Rev. Mr. Thacher, pastor of the Unitarian Church in this city, was married last week to Miss Emma Hatch, daughter of the late Walter Hatch. The wedding ceremonies were performed in the Unitarian Church by the Rev. Mr. Beach of Dedham, Mass., formerly pastor of the Unitarian Society here. The church was appropriately decorated for the important event and many friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the nuptial ceremonies, and to tender congratulations.—The work on the outside of the Cony High School building is nearly completed. Mr. Blish, the foreman of the brick layers, who has charge of the work, while finishing up on Saturday, fell to the floor by the staging giving way, dislocating his shoulder.—The new Hotel will open next week. A large number of boarders have been secured. Augustus now has ample hotel accommodations and a crowd can easily be provided for.—Tuesday morning the thermometer was only 26 above freezing point. It was the coldest morning this fall.—Last Friday Mr. Allen started his new Hoe press in his new building.—We regret to learn that the only child of Mr. George P. Haskell, formerly a resident of this city, now a citizen of Auburn, died on Tuesday from diphtheria. The child was a bright, promising boy eight years old. It is a great affliction and Mr. Haskell's many friends deeply sympathize with him.—James Folson met with quite a severe accident on Tuesday. He was at work at the gravel pit of Mr. Wade, west of the State House, and a gravel slide occurred, burying him partially up. He was taken out insensible and was found severely bruised.—Messrs. Sturgis, Lambard and Randall, have sent this week a crew of men into the woods.—Mr. L. Lincoln, long a resident of Augusta, now Superintendent of the Bucksport Railroad, was in this city Tuesday.—To-day is to be a gala day among members of the militia. A large number will be present at the State Range, to participate in the prize competition. Thirteen prizes are offered and there will be a large number of contestants. In the evening the Capital Guards give a ball to the visiting militia men in Granite Hall.—Col. Darus Aiden, is confined to his bed with catarrhal fever.—Mr. Joseph Miller, lost a valuable horse on Tuesday. His little girl was driving the horse out of the stable when the carriage upset and threw the horse to the ground, killing him instantly.

### The Presidential Election.

On Tuesday next the Presidential election occurs. We trust that whatever party triumphs, it will be by such a decisive majority as to leave no doubt of the result and leave no opportunity or possibility for an electoral commission. We give a list of the several candidates for electors:

Republican Nominations:—President James A. Garfield of Ohio; Vice President Chester A. Arthur of New York. Electors at large, J. S. Wheeler, Bangor, Ira H. Foss, Saco; First District, Elihu H. Jewett, South Berwick; Second District, Otis Haydon, Canton; Third District, Edward W. Hinckley, Newcastle; Fourth District, S. H. Sullivan, Freeport; Fifth District, S. B. Hubbard, Rockland; Sixth District, E. A. Dyer, Wiscasset; Seventh District, D. J. Allian, Damariscotta; Eighth District, W. H. Bryant, a 3 year old sow with litter of pigs. D. W. Wright, a 2 year old boar, weighing nearly the entire lot. M. L. Wilder was had a flock of six, very large and of excellent breed. Herdies, Calves and Native Geese.—Each Pig of Charlotte, a thoroughbred Jersey cow, a 2 year old heifer, calf "Sister 3d," a five months old heifer, calf "Sister 4d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 5d," a five months old heifer, calf "Sister 6d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 7d," a five months old heifer, calf "Sister 8d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 9d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 10d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 11d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 12d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 13d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 14d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 15d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 16d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 17d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 18d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 19d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 20d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 21d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 22d," a two year old heifer, calf "Sister 23d," a two year old heifer, calf 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## The Markets.

### Watertown Cattle Market.

TUESDAY, October 26.  
BEEF CATTLE—Receipts 2002 head; sales  
of Beef Cattle—choice at 75@8@00; extra  
at 60@75@; first quality \$6 @6@50; sec-  
ond quality \$5 60@50; third quality  
\$4 75@.

Store cattle—Working oxen per pair at  
\$100@100; Milch Cows and Calves \$20@  
45; Farrow \$10@100; Fatteners \$25@  
35@; Western fat Swine, live, 5@5c;  
Northern dressed hogs 6@5c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Purchased 799 head;

Sales Sheep in lot 90@90@; each; extra  
at 60@60@; Lamb, 4@5@5c per lb.;

Veal Calves at 2@6@5c.

### Augusta City Market.

WEDNESDAY, October 27.  
APPLES—Dried 6@5c, evaporated 16@20c;  
Pear Peas \$1 50@1 75, Yellow  
Eyes \$1 60@2 00.

BUTTER—Good butter sells at 25@30c.

CHEESE—New factory made 11@15c.

MEAT—Pork 10@12c; mutton 12@15c.

MEAL—Corn 6@5c; oats 45@50c; new  
eats 3@4@5c.

GRASS SEEDS—Timothy 83 00@3 25 per  
pound; fescue 6@6@50 per lb.; alsike 2@5  
per lb.; red top 2@5c per bushel.

HONEY—Choice Aroostook honey 20@25c  
per pound.

LIME AND CEMENT—Lime \$1 00@1 90 per  
cwt.; cement \$1 50@1 75.

LARD—11@12c.

MEAL—Corn 6@5c; rye \$1 00@1 25.

NATIVE CLEANSER—\$2 00 per bushel.

PEAS—Dried 16@20c; fresh 25@30c per bushel.

SWEET POTATOES—3 cents per lb.

PROVISIONS—Clear salt pork 11@12c per  
head; bacon 6@6@50 per lb.; ham 10@11c.

MEAT—Pork 10@12c; mutton 12@15c.

MEAL—Corn 6@5c; oats 45@50c per bushel.

SWEET POTATOES—3 cents per lb.

Wool—Washed 38@40c; unwashed 28@  
30c.

### Portland Market.

WEDNESDAY, October 27.  
APPLES—\$1 23@1 75 per lb.; dried 6@  
7c per lb.

BUTTER—23@30c for family; store 20@  
22@ per lb.

MEAT—Pork \$1 90@2 10; Yellow Eyes  
\$1 20@2 10.

CHEESE—Maine and Vermont Factory  
12@15c.

COAL—Stove and Egg 50@75c.

COAL—Superfine 51@4@50c.

SPRING X 50@55c.

SPRING W 50@55c.

PATENT SPRING WHEAT 87 50@90c.

XX RYE 10@12c.

XX CORN 6@5c.

XX OATS 45@50c per bushel.

XX POTATOES—Potatoes, 50@60c per bushel.

PROVISIONS—Pork 19@20@30@ per lb.;  
bacon 12@15c; ham 12@15c; mutton 6@7c per  
pound delivered in the city.

Wool—Unwashed 30@32c; washed 40@  
42c per lb.

Bangor Provisions Market.

WEDNESDAY, October 27.  
APPLES—25@28c per bushel.

BUTTER—22@24c per lb.

BAKELITE—50@65c per bushel.

MEAL—Oats 45@50c per bushel.

WHEAT—Soft mill 30@32c per bushel.

POTATOES—Round hogs 6@7c per  
bushel.

WOOD—Soft mill wood 5@7c per  
bushel.

Wool—Unwashed 30@32c; washed 40@  
42c per lb.

Chicago Cattle Market.

CHICAGO, October 25.

HOGS—Receipts 41,000 head; shipments  
2,000 head; market moderately active ear-  
ly, closed east; rates 10@ lower; mixed  
packing at 4@1@; 35@; light 4@0@35@;

chicken 4@5@.

CATTLE—Receipts 3,000 head; shipments  
1,300 head; market slow, except for nice  
fat, good to choice at 5@6@5@; common to  
medium at 3@0@4@; western cattle  
slow.

SWINE—Receipts 200 head; common all  
sold at 3@4@.

Boston Market.

BOSTON, WEDNESDAY, October 27.

Flour—The flour market has been rather  
dull the past week, but in prices no mat-  
ter much, though there has been a slight  
rise in wheat.

Wheat—Receipts 20,000 bushels; sales  
at 81@60@65@ for Western Super-  
flue; \$4 50@65@ for common extras; \$5@60@  
per bushel for Minnesota extras, including  
oats.

Potatoes—Potatoes, 50@60c per bushel.

Provisions—Pork 19@20@30@ per lb.;  
bacon 12@15c; ham 12@15c; mutton 6@7c per  
pound delivered in the city.

Wool—Unwashed 30@32c; washed 40@  
42c per lb.

### Wool Market.

BOSTON, WEDNESDAY, October 27.

The sales of washed fleeces have been  
500,000 lbs, and include XX and XXI Ohio and  
Pennsylvania at 44@46@; Michigan and  
Wisconsin fleeces at 39@ for heavy and 40@  
for fine; for the last month, now, however,  
a lot of choice No. 1 wool selling at the lat-  
ter rate. Unwashed and unmerchandiseable  
fibres have been in good demand and sales  
of 150,000 lbs have been made.

Store cattle—Working oxen per pair at  
\$100@100; Milch Cows and Calves \$20@  
45; Farrow \$10@12c; Fatteners \$25@  
35@; Western fat Swine, live, 5@5c;

Northern dressed hogs 6@5c.

Sheep and Lambs—Purchased 799 head;

Sales Sheep in lot 90@90@; each; extra  
at 60@60@; Lamb, 4@5@5c per lb.;

Veal Calves at 2@6@5c.

The tobacco trade in France is a government monopoly.

Licenses are granted for the sale of it in  
debts (retail shops), at which stamps must  
always be obtainable. These licenses are  
generally granted to the widows of soldiers  
deceased, by way of pension. When we con-  
sider the enormous amounts which are paid  
in this country for soldiers' pensions, in  
gold and cash, there is room for regret that we  
have not discovered, as the French have,  
an easier mode of liquidating such  
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